

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 3651 - HB 3521**

February 28, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to issue stop work orders for violations of the Water Quality Control Act (WQCA). Requires the Commissioner to issue such orders in certain circumstances.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenue – Exceeds \$50,000**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$ 90,000/One-Time  
\$901,200/Recurring**

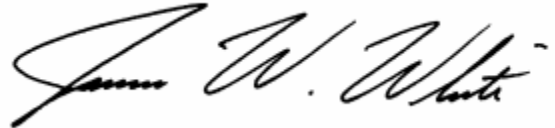
#### Assumptions:

- 3,500 active permitted sites annually.
- 60 percent (2,100) of such sites receive a stop work order due to the provisions of the bill.
- Three additional visits per site will be required due to the provisions of the bill. Therefore, there will be a total of 6,300 (2,100 x 3) additional site visits required by the TDEC each year.
- Each environmental specialist employed by TDEC can do approximately 520 site visits per year. Therefore, the department will require 12 additional environmental specialists (6,300 / 520 = 12). The increase in state expenditures for salary and benefits for such individuals is estimated to be \$508,400.
- The department will require four additional attorneys to comply with the provisions of the bill. Salary and benefits for these attorneys is estimated to result in an increase in state expenditures of \$255,200.
- Recurring expenditures for travel, printing, supplies, etc. associated with the new positions are estimated to result in an increase in state expenditures of \$137,600.
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$901,200 (\$508,400 + \$255,200 + \$137,600).
- One-time state expenditures for landscaping and computers for the new employees are estimated to be \$90,000.
- An increase in state revenues exceeding \$50,000. Such increase is attributable to increased fine collections.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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